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Honorable Marvin M. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

With further reference to the conditions prevailing in New Orleans, Louisiana, I am advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office that the situation remains quiet and unchanged. National Guardsmen continue to occupy the State Registrar's Office. These guardsmen are equipped with riot guns and also have machine guns concealed in the Registrar's Office. The National Guard has posted a lookout in the Lafayette Hotel, which lookout room faces the Registrar's Office. A few police are assigned to guard duty in the City Hall.

To date no formal announcement has been made as to the identity of the individuals who will make up the State Congressional Committee which will investigate the New Orleans administration. There is no indication as yet of the date upon which this Congressional Committee's action will begin. The condition of the New Orleans citizenry is described as "resentful but passive".

One candidate in the forthcoming elections is reported by the New Orleans press to have stated in a radio speech: "Bullets will be necessary if ballots fail to defeat the candidates sponsored by the Senior Louisiana Senator".

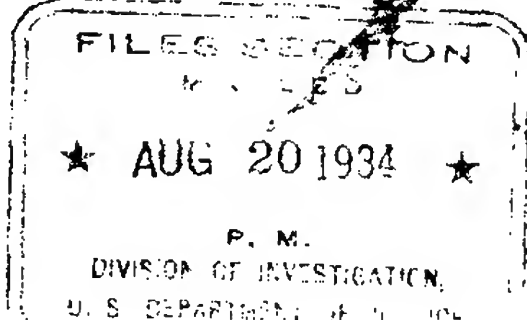
Mayor Wansley of New Orleans, in a speech, announced that there would be sufficient men at the polls on September 11th, the date of the primary election, to enforce the law.

There has been to date no expressed or outward appearance of violence and it is not now anticipated that there will be any violence in the immediate future. I will advise you of any further developments at New Orleans.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.



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US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 1001 VERMONT AVE NW WASHDC=

REFERENCE LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES SITUATION UNCHANGED
GUARDSMEN OCCUPY STATE REGISTRARS OFFICE HAVE RIOT GUNS BUT
MACHINE GUNS CONCEALED ALSO HAVE NATIONAL GUARDSMEN LOOKOUT IN
LAFAYETTE HOTEL ROOM FACING REGISTRARS OFFICE FEW POLICE GUARD
CITY HALL STATE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT
PERSONEL STATE CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE NEWORLEANS
GAMBLING AND VICE CONDITIONS OR DATE ACTION PLANNED OBJECT
BELIEVED IMPEACHMENT AND CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS STOP NEWORLEANS
CITIZENRY RESENTFUL BUT PASSIVE RELATIVE RECENT LEGISLATION
ONE CANDIDATE STATED RADIO SPEECH CARRIED BY PRESS BULLETS
NECESSARY IF BALLOTS FAILS DEFEAT CANDIDATES SPONSORED BY
SENIOR LOUISIANA SENATOR STOP MAYOR WAMSLEYS SPEECH ANNOUNCED
WARNING ARREST STATE HIGHWAY ARMED OFFICERS AT POLLS AND
SUFFICIENT MEN AT POLLS TO ENFORCE LAW NO EXPRESSED OR
OUTWARD APPEARANCE VIOLENCE IMMEDIATE FUTURE POSSIBILITY
CONGRESSIONAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH=

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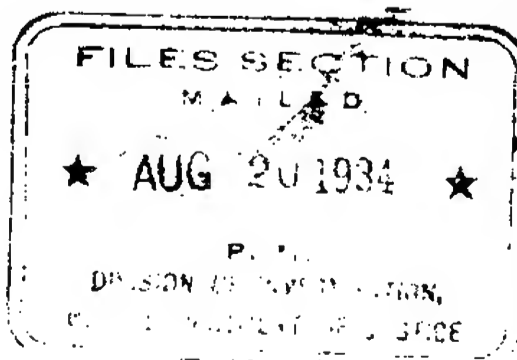
My dear Mr. McIntyre:

With further reference to my letter of yesterday, concerning the situation at New Orleans, I have been advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division Office that the National Guard continues to occupy their guard at the Registrar's Office in New Orleans. Conditions generally in New Orleans are quiet and unchanged.

The State Legislature adjourned at 3 A.M. on August 18, after a special three-day session, during which time the 27 bills proposed by the Administration and allegedly sponsored by Huey Long were all passed. I outlined in my letter of yesterday the substance of the majority of the bills which were passed. The twenty-seventh bill passed was introduced a few minutes before adjournment of the session and was speedily passed. This bill prohibits any special police officer who might be appointed by the City Administration of New Orleans from carrying arms or weapons of any kind.

All newspaper reporters were excluded from the closing session of the Legislature and it is reported that there was a fight on the floor of the House of Representatives between several of the legislators. It is further reported that a newspaper photographer was assaulted by Administration officials in the Capitol Building.

I am advised that it is anticipated in New Orleans that a legislative committee will be appointed and will start its investi-



Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre - 2 -

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gation of the New Orleans City Administration during the next week.

There are no outward signs of excitement or active opposition evident in New Orleans at the present time and consequently no present indications of violence.

The consensus of opinion as expressed in New Orleans newspapers is that the passage of the 27 bills by the State Legislature allegedly at the instance of Senator Huey Long has given the Senator through the State Administration dictatorial powers, including complete dominance of election machinery and officials.

I will advise you of any additional developments or changes in this situation.

With expressions of my best esteem and highest regards,

I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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DIRECTOR DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION=

U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 1001 VERMONT AVE NW WASHDC=

FURTHER REFERENCE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION RELATIVE TO

NATIONAL GUARD OCCUPYING AND GUARDING REGISTRARS OFFICE

NEWORLEANS QUIET AND UNCHANGED AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED STOP

STATE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED THREE TEN AM AUGUST EIGHTEENTH

AFTER THREE DAYS SESSION DURING WHICH TIME THE TWENTY SEVEN

BILLS PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION WERE ALL PASSED STOP MY

PREVIOUS TELEGRAM OUTLINES SUBSTANCE OF TWENTY SIX OF THE

BILLS PASSED THE TWENTY SEVENTH WAS INTRODUCED AND PASSED AT

THE LAST MINUTE SHORTLY BEFORE ADJOURNMENT AND PROHIBITS ANY

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS WHO MIGHT BE APPOINTED BY THE CITY

ADMINISTRATION OF NEWORLEANS FROM CARRYING ARMS OR WEAPONS OF

ANY KIND STOP ALL NEWSPAPER REPORTERS WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE

CLOSING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND IT IS REPORTED THAT

THERE WAS A FIGHT ON THE FLOOR OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SEVERAL OF THE LEGISLATORS AND THAT A NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHER WAS ASSAULTED BY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IN THE CAPITOL BUILDING STOP IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE WILL BE APPOINTED AND START ITS INVESTIGATION OF NEWORLEANS CITY ADMINISTRATION NEXT WEEK STOP THERE ARE NO OUTWARD SIGNS OF EXCITEMENT OR ACTIVE OPPOSITION WHICH MIGHT INDICATE POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE AT THIS TIME STOP THE CONSENSUS OF OPINION AS EXPRESSED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS BY LOCAL REPORTERS AND CORRESPONDENTS FROM OTHER SECTIONS IS THAT THE TWENTY SEVEN BILLS PASSED ALLEGEDLY AT THE INSTANCE OF SENATOR LONG HAVE GIVEN HIM THROUGH THE STATE ADMINISTRATION DICTATORIAL POWERS INCLUDING COMPLETE DOMINATION OF ELECTION MACHINERY AND OFFICIALS=

WHITLEY.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 17, 1934.

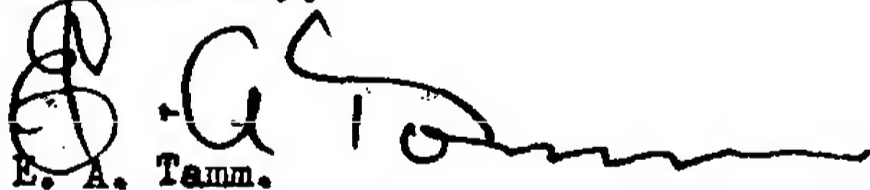
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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I called Mr. Whitley at New Orleans and told him we would like to have tomorrow morning a telegraphic summary on the Huey Long situation down there; that is, just what it is all about, what's doing and what is going on; that every day hereafter we want a telegraph report on any developments. I told Mr. Whitley that a good idea might be to send in a night letter every evening summarizing the day's activities and then we will have it the first thing in the morning. Mr. Whitley wanted to know whether these telegraph reports should refer only to the registrar's office and the National Guard situation; that is, the same kind of reports submitted before. Mr. Whitley asked whether we were interested in the activities up at Baton Rouge concerning legislation and all of that. I advised Mr. Whitley that he had better give it all to us as this is for a confidential source and we want everything we can get on it - legislation, tactics, developments and the whole thing. Mr. Whitley asked if we would be interested in daily newspaper clippings and I told him he could send them in and he advised that is all the papers are printing down there. I told Mr. Whitley that what we want is a telegraph report daily of all important developments. Mr. Whitley advised that he was leaving tonight to work on applicants but he would see that this received appropriate attention and I told Mr. Whitley to see that whoever is there takes care of it. Mr. Whitley stated he would send a telegram out tonight and I told him to send us a telegram every day until further notice.

Respectfully,


E. A. Tamm.

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August 18, 1934.

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Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

With reference to the situation in New Orleans, Louisiana, I have been advised by the New Orleans Office of this Division that the situation in that city is relatively quiet at the present time. Registrations for the forthcoming elections terminated last Saturday, but national guards are still occupying and guarding the registrar's office at New Orleans. The registrar's office is located within a relatively short distance of the Federal Building and some fear has heretofore been expressed that any open fighting in the vicinity of the registrar's office might jeopardize the property of the United States or interfere with the proper handling of the United States mails.

I have kept in close touch with this situation with particular reference to the possibility of any activities in New Orleans being in violation of a Federal Statute and have instructed the New Orleans Office to keep me fully advised of all developments in the New Orleans district.

It is believed in New Orleans that the national guard will continue to occupy and guard the registrar's office until after the election which is set for September 11th next. There are no present indications of immediate violence or trouble between the national guards and representatives of other factions. State officials have completely ignored court injunctions restraining their activities in connection with activities centering around the registrar's office.

By T. J. [unclear]
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August 18, 1934.

A special session of the legislature was called by Governor Allen allegedly upon instructions from Senator Huey Long. During the past two days the legislature has passed twenty-six bills which will become effective within twenty days and prior, of course, to the September 11th election. Among the bills passed by the legislature are the following:

A bill prohibiting court interference by injunction or otherwise with national guards or registrar of voters' activities.

A bill authorizing the Governor to make unlimited increases in the personnel of the State Bureau of Identification and Investigation. It may be noted that employees of this State Bureau have the power of arrest.

A bill increasing and enlarging the Governor's control of election machinery and officials.

A bill amending the city charter of New Orleans and limiting the city's tax.

A power bill giving the Governor unlimited re-appoint power.

A bill authorizing local taxes on newspapers.

A bill authorizing legislative investigation of New Orleans city officials with a view to possible impeachment.

A bill authorizing the Attorney General to supersede local district attorneys.

In addition to the above bills, various tax bills have also been enacted. It is alleged that all of the bills described as well as the other activities set out above are

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Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre - 3 -

August 18, 1934.

promoted and sponsored by Senator Long in order to defeat his political opponents, particularly in New Orleans.

I will advise you of the daily developments in this situation.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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RELATIVE POSSIBILITY VIOLENCE BECAUSE OF GUARDING REGISTRARS
OFFICE NEWORLEANS AND OTHER LOCAL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AND
POSSIBLE RESULTANT DAMAGE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR INTERFERENCE
MAILS SITUATION QUIET STOP REGISTRATIONS ENDED LAST SATURDAY
BUT INATIONAL GUARDS STILL OCCUPYING AND GUARDING REGISTRARS
OFFICE NEWORLEANS AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL
AFTER ELECTION SEPTEMBER ELEVENTH NO EXCITEMENT OR INDICATIONS
OF IMMEDIATE VIOLENCE OR TROUBLE NATIONAL GUARDS AND STATE
OFFICIALS HAVE IGNORED COURT INJUNCTIONS RESTRAINING THEIR
ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH REGISTRARS OFFICE STOP SPECIAL
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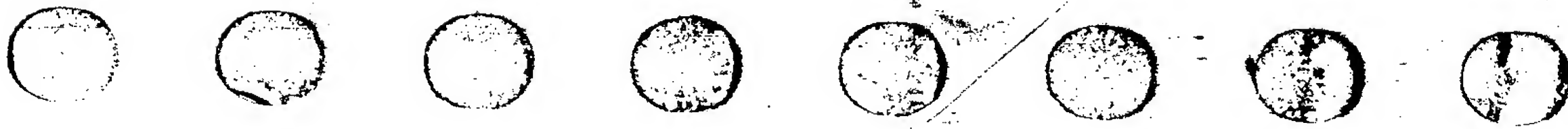
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REGISTRAR OF VOTERS ACTIVITIES BILL AUTHORIZING GOVERNOR TO
MAKE UNLIMITED INCREASE PERSONNEL STATE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION
AND INVESTIGATION WHICH HAS POWER OF ARREST BILL INCREASING
ENLARGING GOVERNORS CONTROL OF ELECTION MACHINERY AND OFFICIAL
BILL AMENDING CITY CHARTER NEWORLEANS AND LIMITING CITIES TAX
POWER BILL GIVING GOVERNOR UNLIMITED REPRIEVE POWER BILL
AUTHORIZING LOCAL TAXES ON NEWSPAPER BILL AUTHORIZING
LEGISLATIVE INVESTIGATION OF NEWORLEANS CITY OFFICIALS WITH
VIEW TO IMPEACHMENT BILL AUTHORIZING ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
SUPERSEDE LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AND VARIOUS BILLS RELATIVE
TAXES STOP ALL OF ABOVE ACTIVITIES AND LEGISLATION ALLEGEDLY
SPONSORED BY SENATOR LONG FOR PURPOSE FIGHTING POLITICAL
OPPONENTS PARTICULARLY IN NEWORLEANS*

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MR J E HOOVER=

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WASHN DC=

REFERENCE TELEGRAM TODAY CHECK 231 COLLECT FROM WHITELEY
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ADD NEWORLEANS.

STATE TROOPERS HAVE BEEN HOLDING THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS' OFFICE IN THE SOULE BUILDING, DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM CITY HALL.

LIEUT. NUMA AVENDANO, IN COMMAND OF THE TROOP DETACHMENT WHICH REMAINED ON DUTY DESPITE A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AGAINST ITS PRESENCE THERE WAS IN COURT TODAY TO SHOW CAUSE WHY HE SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT.

ALFRED DANZIGER REPRESENTED THE HUEY LONG FACTION IN COURT. HE ASKED FOR AN APPEAL FROM THE POLICE BOARD RULING AND JUDGE BOND GRANTED IT. THE JUDGE REFUSED TO LIFT THE INJUNCTION, HOWEVER.

DANZIGER SAID HE WOULD APPEAL TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT. HE IS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD.

JUDGE BOND INSTRUCTED LIEUT. AVENDANO TO RETURN TO COURT AUG. 14 FOR DISPOSITION OF HIS CASE. THE SOLDIER PLEADED THAT HIS COMMANDING OFFICER, COL. HENRY P. CURTIS, WAS OUT OF THE CITY. THE JUDGE WARNED HIM TO STAY AWAY FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE PENDING HIS NEXT APPEARANCE IN COURT.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL,
THE HONORABLE WILLIAM STANLEY

With further reference to the conditions prevailing in New Orleans, Louisiana, I am in receipt of a telegram from the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division Office advising that conditions in that city remain quiet and unchanged.

I am further advised that, from information presently available, it appears probable that the National Guard will be withdrawn from its occupancy of the Office of the Registrar on Saturday. The withdrawal of the National Guard from this office will terminate the possibility of any activity which might damage Government owned property or interfere with the handling of the United States mails.

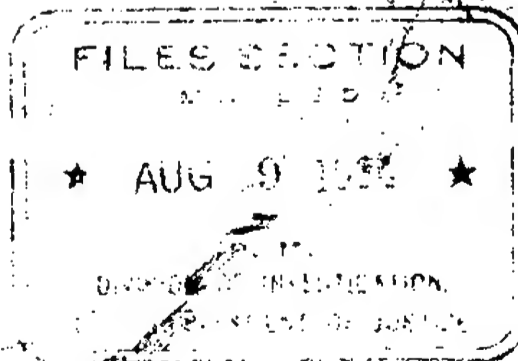
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REGISTRARS OFFICE NEWORLEANS AND RESULTANT DAMAGE GOVERNMENT

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PROPERTY OR INTERFERENCE MAILS SITUATION QUIET AND UNCHANGED

AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED STOP IT APPEARS PROBABLE THAT NATIONAL

GUARDS WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM REGISTRARS OFFICE SATURDAY

THEREBY TERMINATING POSSIBILITY OF ACTIVITY WHICH MIGHT

AFFECT GOVERNMENT PROPERTY OR MAILS=

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL,
THE HONORABLE HAROLD M. STEPHENS

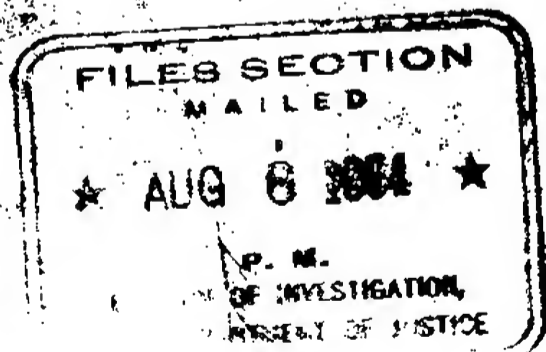
With further reference to the conditions prevailing at New Orleans, with particular reference to the possibility of there being any outbreak which would cause damage to Government property or interference with the United States mails, I am in receipt of a telegram from the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Division Office advising that the situation in New Orleans remains quiet and unchanged.

In the event there is any change in this situation, I will promptly advise you.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL,
THE HONORABLE HAROLD M. STEPHENS

With further reference to the conditions prevailing at New Orleans, I have been advised by the Special Agent in Charge of the New Orleans Office that the situation in that city remains quiet in so far as a possible outbreak, which might result in damage to Government property or interference with the United States mails, is concerned.

A mass meeting scheduled to have been held in Lafayette Park opposite the Registrar's Office did not materialize. In the event there are any developments of interest in this matter, I will immediately advise you.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

In compliance with your request, I communicated with a representative of this Division at New Orleans, and am submitting herewith a report of views of the United States Attorney at New Orleans, the Acting Postmaster at New Orleans, and the Special Agent in Charge of this Division Office in New Orleans, relative to the present conditions in that city.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

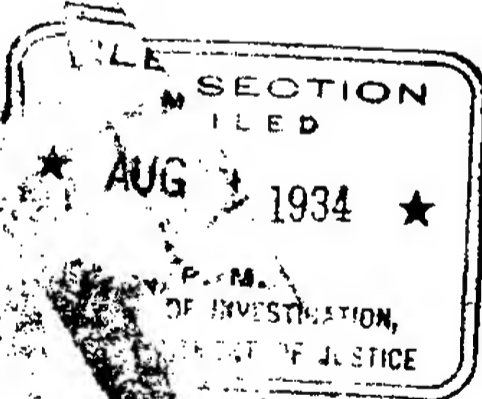
**Louisiana Primary
Expected to Draw
Record Turnout**

**Four Candidates Seek
To Oust Long and
End 12-Year Dynasty**

By the Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 15.—The 12-year-old political dynasty established by the brash, brilliant Huey P. Long, enters its greatest test tomorrow in an expected record turnout of Louisiana voters, with Uncle Sam's marches to the polls. 100 persons are expected to appear in the Democratic primary for Gov. Earl Kemp. Long's younger son, Earl, is one of the other candidates. Substantial nominal officers, legislators, the Democratic committee will be

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MEMORANDUM

I telephoned Agent in Charge Whitley at New Orleans at 9:45 a.m. and instructed him, at the request of the Acting Attorney General, Judge Stephens, to obtain a report of the condition in New Orleans this morning. I instructed Mr. Whitley to immediately see the United States Attorney and the Acting Postmaster, Mr. Stevens, obtaining their views as to the present situation, and to call back, giving this information, as well as his own views in the matter.

Mr. Whitley called back at 10:45 a.m., and gave the following reports:

Acting Postmaster Charles Stevens at New Orleans states that so far as the collection and distribution of the United States mails at New Orleans is concerned, practically all of this work is done from the back of the Post Office Building, and there is practically no possibility of any violence or street fighting in front of or in the vicinity of the Registrar's Office across the square in any way interfering or affecting the proper handling of the mails. Mr. Stevens advised that so far as he could see, the only possibility of any disturbance of the operation of the Post Office would be in the event actual fighting took place across the square, and shots might come into the front of the Post Office Building. Mr. Stevens seemed somewhat inclined to discount the possibility of any actual violence, and stated that it appeared to him that both parties were merely putting on a big show and putting up a big bluff. He was inclined to discount the probability of any actual violence.

United States Attorney Viosca advised that at the time he made his verbal report to Acting Attorney General Stephens Saturday afternoon by telephone, he failed to state that the District Court at New Orleans had issued an order authorizing the Sheriff at New Orleans to swear in deputies in sufficient number to enforce the Court injunction against a partial martial law which has been declared, and as a result of which National Guardsmen are quartered in the Registrar's Office. Mr. Viosca stated that he has ascertained through Mayor Kalmesley, of New Orleans, that the local police force has been increased from approximately 550 members to about 1300 members, in order to successfully contest any further efforts made by the State administration through the National Guard to seize or take over property in New Orleans. Mr. Viosca states that the Mayor has made the definite statement that in the event any efforts are made on the part of the State administration through the National Guard, to actually seize any city property in New Orleans, such efforts will be actively resisted. However, at the present time the National Guard are only occupying the Registrar's Office, which is, after all, a State office. They are apparently making no attempt to seize or to take over any further

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property or to occupy any city property. Mr. Viosca states that the only possibility of any danger to Federal property will be in the event actual shooting starts or takes place across the square in the vicinity of the Registrar's Office. He states that in this event stray bullets might, of course, come across the square and enter the Post Office Building. According to Mr. Viosca, the probability of such shooting or actual violence is somewhat remote, but nevertheless, there is such a possibility. He states that at the present time, both parties - that is, the city administration and the State administration - through the National Guard are merely watching and awaiting, and neither side is taking any aggressive step. Mr. Viosca believes that there are two possibilities which might lead to actual violence: (1) In the event the State administration, through the National Guard, attempts to enlarge its activities or actually take over any city property, in which event the Mayor has stated such efforts in this direction will be forcibly resisted. (2) In the event the Sheriff's office, in its effort to enforce the Court Order against the partial martial law, takes the aggressive and endeavors to eject or remove the National Guardsmen from the Registrar's Office. Mr. Viosca seems to think that either of the two above possibilities are rather remote and is inclined to believe that there will be no actual bloodshed or violence as to shooting that might affect Federal property. However, he states that there is always such a possibility. Mr. Viosca also advised that he has heard that local business men are making active effort to bring about an arbitration and if such an arbitration is successful it will probably be completed today, in which event the National Guardsmen will be removed.

Mr. Whitley stated that a survey at the Registrar's Office this morning reflects that there are approximately 15 to 24 National Guardsmen on guard duty in the office itself. Just across the alley from the Registrar's Office in the city hall there are about 12 or 15 plain-clothes policemen loitering about. The machine guns which the National Guard formerly had mounted in the Registrar's Office have all been removed, and at the present time the members of the National Guard are armed only with the side arms and night sticks. There are no machine guns or riot guns in evidence, and it is reported that all such weapons have been removed to Camp Jackson, which is the local headquarters for the National Guard. Mr. Whitley stated that there are quite a number of spectators in the vicinity this morning, but no apparent disturbance or violence was noted. Mr. Whitley stated he is inclined to agree with the United States Attorney that while there is of course a possibility of violence, such a possibility is very remote and highly improbable. He felt the only thing which would precipitate such violence might be in the event some one on either side, that is, a National Guardsman or one of the local police, might lose his head and fire a shot, thus start some violence which otherwise would be unnecessary and would not be started.

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Mr. Whitley stated that while the possibility of violence or some serious disturbance cannot be overlooked, he is inclined to believe that such a possibility is somewhat remote, and unless one or the other side takes an actual aggressive, he does not believe that any such violence will occur. Mr. Whitley will keep closely in touch with this situation and keep the Division advised of any developments. In this connection, he plans to interview the Federal Judge for his opinion and will report this interview to the Division.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHENS

In compliance with your request, I am attaching hereto a memorandum containing further information obtained by Special Agent in Charge Whitley of the New Orleans Office of this Division, relative to the present conditions in that city.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. Nathan

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MEMORANDUM

Agent in Charge Whitley telephoned from New Orleans shortly after 2 o'clock with reference to his previous telephonic report this morning relative to the possibility of violence or shooting as a result of the seizing of the Registrar's Office in New Orleans by National Guard. He gave the following additional information relative to this matter:

Special Agent Magee, who is at present on the scene, reports that shortly before noon today, a large number of persons - approximately 300 or 400 began gathering in front of the City Hall and the Registrar's Office, which is immediately adjacent thereto; that these persons apparently are putting on an unemployed demonstration; that they are carrying unemployed signs, making demands, etc.; that the literature being distributed by them indicates that the gathering or demonstration is being sponsored by the Communist Party; that apparently, the gathering is very quiet and orderly, and is composed of both male and female and white and colored persons; that apparently the Communists are the real sponsors of the gathering or demonstration, and that they are merely taking advantage of the tense situation existing in the vicinity of the Registrar's Office to put on their demonstration. The literature being distributed by them more or less condemns both the State and the city administrations, and makes the usual Communist and unemployed demands. In so far as the regulation and control of the demonstration is concerned, that of course is entirely up to the local police, and they have a number of policemen in the vicinity, armed with gas riot guns. So far, there has been no violence or any action indicating that violence will occur. It has all the indications of being nothing more than a usual peaceful unemployed demonstration.

Deputy United States Marshal Patterson, of New Orleans, who has long been active in the National Guard as an Officer, and who is presently in charge of some of the National Guards occupying the Registrar's Office, advised Special Agent Magee of the New Orleans Office of this Division, confidentially, that the National Guards are planning no offensive activities whatever; that they are merely going to continue occupying the Registrar's Office; and that no force whatever will be resorted to unless and until some active steps are taken on the part of the city administration or others in an effort to eject the National Guard from the Registrar's Office and take charge of same. Mr. Patterson, who, as stated above, is on the scene as a National Guard Officer, does not believe that there is any immediate possibility of violence, shooting, or bloodshed.

It has also been learned, Mr. Whitley states, through various discreet inquiries, that a mass meeting is being planned to take place in Lafayette

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Reference is made to your inquiry of even date concerning the possibility of any street fighting, or violent demonstrations, in connection with the alleged efforts being made on the part of certain factions in the State of Louisiana to control the Registrar's of at New Orleans, whether any such violence might in any way damage Government property, and whether it might interfere with the collection, distribution, or operation of the United States mails.

I have telephonically communicated with Special Agent Sorola of the New Orleans office who has made inquiries and advises as follows:

That the Registrar's office in New Orleans is located on the opposite side of Lafayette Park from the Post Office Building; that the park is one block square and the nearest point to the Post Office; that the Registrar's office is a distance of one block; that there are approximately 15 or 20 National Guardsmen in uniform stationed about in the vicinity of the City Hall Building where the Registrar's office is located; that there is no crowd present and only a few curious persons in the vicinity; that there are apparently no policemen or other armed parties present; that everything is apparently very quiet and peaceful, and that the Registrar's office is closed for the weekend.

Agent Sorola reports that casual inquiries made in the presence of spectators and guardsmen developed the information that there is apparently no immediate possibility of any violence or demonstration at any time; that such a possibility is particularly remote over the weekend while the Registrar's office is closed; that there have been no developments in the situation which might lead one to believe that there will necessarily be any violence, shooting, or bloodshed, and that if such activities take place, they will no doubt be the result of some special circumstances not presently anticipated.

Agent Sorola states that even though there should be violence in front or in the vicinity of the Registrar's office, it would be at least one block removed from the Post Office Building, which is the Federal Building in that vicinity and that there would be no probability of damaging Federal property unless shots should happen to be fired in the direction of the Post Office. The Agent advises that in the event any

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physical combats or violence occur, such would no doubt occur within the block immediately in front of the Registrar's office and that it does not appear that such activities would necessarily in any way at all interfere with the collection or distribution of the United States mails.

I will keep in touch with this situation upon my return to New Orleans and will keep you promptly advised of any developments.

Respectfully,

R. Whitley.

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MAIL ROOM

Park, which is the square immediately in front of the Registrar's Office, tonight according to advanced information, this meeting is being planned for tonight. Sponsorship of the meeting is uncertain, but it appears that the meeting might be sponsored by the local political organization headed by Mayor Haissley. This, however, is merely speculation. The object of the meeting will probably be by way of protest against the occupancy of the Registrar's Office by the National Guard, representing the State administration. Any immediate demonstrations of this kind in view of the tense situation, always of course, bode possibilities of violence and tend to further complicate the existing situation.

Mr. Whitley further advised that he this morning interviewed Federal District Judge Wayne F. Borah. Judge Borah states that he is reluctant to express any opinion as to what action, if any, should be taken by the Federal Government, inasmuch as he might subsequently pass upon this matter in his capacity as a Judge; that personally, and speaking as a layman, he does not feel any particular concern about the situation and does not believe that there is any immediate possibility of violence which might damage Federal property or in any way interfere with the operation of the mails. He states, however, that in any such situation as the kind which exists, there is always such a possibility, even though it might be remote. Judge Borah believes that no action should be taken on the part of the Federal Government until there has been some definite overt act which will positively give the Government jurisdiction.

Mr. Whitley stated that he is keeping in touch with and following this situation closely, and will advise this Division further.

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Long Promises Purge of Louisiana Machine

By United Press

BATON ROUGE, La., June 27—A new governor, Earl K. Long, brother of the assassinated Huey P. Long, quoted from the Bible about honesty today while policemen scurried about the state hunting Dr. James Monroe Smith, fugitive former president of Louisiana State University, who is charged with embezzling \$100,000.

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He had been talking about Dr. Smith, who resigned and left town Sunday night about the time investigators found evidence he had plunged into the market, bought futures on 2,000,000 bushels of wheat and offered \$375,000 worth of University bonds as collateral.



Gov. Long

Gov. Long, Lieutenant Governor until last night, was sworn into the higher office after Gov. Richard W. Leche resigned because of illness.

Gov. Leche announced his intended resignation last week, but changed his mind when the university scandal cropped out Sunday only to change it again last night.

RUTHLESS PURGE

The Governor nominally heads the political machine founded by Huey Long, and he left no doubt he intended being boss. He said there would be a "ruthless purge from within."

Gov. Long is 44. He was a year younger than Huey Long. During his brother's regime he was a mainstay of the anti-Long faction. The brothers made peace when Huey Long was on his death bed.

NEPHEW SURRENDERS

Mrs. Smith's nephew, J. Emory Adams, owner of lucrative concessions at the University, surrendered, and was booked as a material witness and released in \$5000 bond.

How much was involved in the wheat deal that cost Dr. Smith his \$18,000-a-year job was not revealed. It was reported to have been in excess of \$600,000 since 1936.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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LONG SWORN AS GOVERNOR PLANS 'PURGE'

**Huey's Brother Quotes Bible
To Denounce Dr. J.M. Smith,
Accused Head of University**

BATON ROUGE, La., June 27 (U.P.).—A new governor, Earl K. Long, brother of the assassinated Huey P. Long, quoted from the Bible about honesty today while policemen scurried about the State hurrying Dr. James Monroe Smith, fugitive former president of Louisiana State University, who is charged with embezzling \$100,000.

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Long, lieutenant governor until last night, was sworn into his higher office after Governor Richard W. Leche had resigned because of illness.

Leche had announced his intended resignation last week, but changed his mind when the university scandal cropped out Sunday night and, much to the alarm of Long's friends awaiting expected political appointments, had appeared uncertain about his intentions most of the day yesterday.

"Purge from Within"

The new Governor and Mrs. Long moved immediately into the executive mansion. Leche and his wife declined the Longs' invitation to spend the night there and sped away with their son, Richard, Jr., to their mansion in Covington.

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He said there would be a "ruthless purge from within."

The machine is in trouble with the Federal Government again in addition to the university situation. A Federal grand jury investigation has been ordered by United States District Attorney Rene Viosca at New Orleans into charges of relief corruption by State officials.

Long said he was going to direct the investigation of Dr. Smith and "pursue it to the nth degree, let the chips fall where they may."

Meanwhile, he said, the theme of his administration would be honesty, that he was "going to live up" to the Biblical quotation "and I mean it, every word of it."

Long is 44, he was a year younger than Huey Long. During brother's regime he was a mainstay of the anti-Long faction. When Huey Long was governor, running the machine, Earl ran for lieutenant governor. Huey didn't want him in the job, ran a candidate against him and beat him. Earl Long ran third in the vote count.

Made Peace at Death

The brothers made peace when Huey Long was on his death bed. Earl Long frequently denounced Huey as a "liar," and testified against him at an investigation of Louisiana election practices by a Senate committee.

Now, Earl Long is installed in the executive mansion his brother built, and holding forth in the skyscraper capitol before which is Huey's grave.

The search for Dr. Smith was started by State policemen Sunday night. They were ordered to bring Dr. Smith back "in handcuffs," and hold him for Sheriff Newman H. Debretton, of East Baton Rouge parish.

- Mr. Tolson.....
- Mr. Nathan.....
- Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
- Mr. Clegg.....
- Mr. Coffey.....
- Mr. Egan.....
- Mr. Glavin.....
- Mr. Crowl.....
- Mr. Harbo.....
- Mr. Lester.....
- Mr. Lawler.....
- Mr. Nichols.....
- Mr. Rosen.....
- Mr. Sears.....
- Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
- Mr. Tracy.....
- Miss Gandy.....

LONG'S AIDES FACE SUITS OVER TAXES

**Treasury Plans Civil Action
Despite Cummings's End-
ing of Criminal Cases.**

INQUIRY IS CONTINUED

**Louisianians Will Be Notified of
Alleged Deficiencies First and
Urged to Pay Claims.**

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6. — Although Attorney General Cummings dropped criminal prosecutions for alleged income-tax violations against several members of the Louisiana organization headed by the late Senator Huey Long, the Treasury will continue its effort to collect by civil action the amounts claimed, it was stated at Secretary Morgenthau's office today.

Treasury officials asserted that when the Attorney General decided to drop the criminal prosecutions he said he took the action contrary to the wishes of the Treasury. However, both the Treasury and the Department of Justice denied that they were involved in any dispute over the matter.

At the Treasury it was stated that, under the prescribed procedure, its agents investigated income-tax cases in detail and reported to the Department of Justice. The question of criminal prosecution, it was emphasized, was solely a Department of Justice matter.

An extensive investigation into the alleged Income Tax Law violations of the Long faction, including Seymour Weiss and others, is being continued by the Treasury.

The first step in the effort to collect the amounts claimed would be the dispatch of letters to the taxpayers informing them of the sums held due. After the receipt of these deficiency notices the taxpayers would have the privilege of filing petitions with the Board of Tax Appeals for relief from the assessments.

Originally the Treasury informed the Department of Justice that it considered prosecution of the Long lieutenants advisable. A grand jury investigation was instituted and several indictments followed.

Mr. Weiss was first indicted for income tax evasion in December, 1934. It was asserted that he had underestimated his income taxes to a considerable amount.

A. L. Shushan, president of the New Orleans Levee Board, was among those indicted, but was acquitted. Joseph Fisher, a State Representative was convicted and sentenced to prison.

After the assassination of Senator Long the cases against Mr. Weiss and ten others who had not been brought to trial were nolle prossed by the Department of Justice.

The Justice Department maintained its silence today on the dropping of the criminal prosecutions. Officials of the department would not comment on reports that the action had been taken as a result of the elimination of Senator Long from the political scene.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Laughman	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Dawsey	
Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Foxworth	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
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Worse Than Ever.

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But in the Louisiana tax cases, involving the former associates of the late Huey P. Long, determination of the Treasury Department to collect taxes allegedly unpaid emphasizes once again the odd decision by the Department of Justice in agreeing to drop further criminal proceedings against these men. If the Treasury succeeds in collecting the taxes it will be difficult for the Department of Justice to justify a course of action that does not look right and should never have been taken.

While Senator Long was alive and railing against Roosevelt the Govern-

ment was not on the trail of alleged income tax evaders who were members of his ring, sending one of them to jail and indicting others. Now that Long is out of the way and his machine has come back into the fold the Department of Justice should have been more anxious than ever to press for a fair trial and a rigid prosecution—if for nothing else than to demonstrate to the country that politics has never had anything to do with the case and never will. That is presumably one consideration that actuates the Treasury in its decision to go ahead with the income tax cases, regardless of the Department of Justice. The Treasury is trying, and rightly so, to keep its skirts clear of the charge that it ever permits the Bureau of Internal Revenue to engage in "persecution" for political purposes. The fact that Seymour Weiss, former Long lieutenant and treasurer of his organization, was reported from Philadelphia now to be showing his head off for Roosevelt makes the Treasury's course of action more praiseworthy than ever. Just as it puts the Department of Justice in a weaker light than before.

"We have preserved and stimulated respect for law," said Senator Buckley in his keynote. Yes, with the help of the "G-men." But the Federal Bureau of Investigation is only one bureau of the Department of Justice, one small arm of the Federal Government.

Mr. Nathan
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LONG HENCHMEN TO PAY \$250,000 TAXES AND FINES

Criminal Charges Are Dropped by U. S.

Washington, D. C., June 26.—[Special.]—Income taxes and penalties said to be in excess of \$250,000 will be assessed by the treasury against the Louisiana henchmen of the late Senator Huey P. Long, it was learned today.

Eleven close friends of Long, including Seymour Weiss, treasurer of the machine, will be given 90 days in which to pay the assessment or appeal it to the board of tax appeals.

Seek Louisiana Votes.

The justice department in a move that was regarded as an overture to the Long machine for votes in the Roosevelt campaign recently dropped criminal charges against the group. Nine members of the grand jury that indicted the group criticized United States Attorney Rene Viosca in dropping the charges and declared that to be consistent the justice department should release Joseph Fisher, only defendant convicted, from prison.

The criminal case involving the largest sum was the action against Jule Fisher, brother of Joseph, who had taxes and penalties of \$63,679 cited in the indictment.

Weiss Owes \$37,420.

The amount allegedly owed by Weiss in his individual income was \$37,420. It was also charged that the Louisiana Quarry company, in which Weiss was a partner, had evaded a payment of \$18,324.

The Mississippi Valley company, in which John P. and W. W. Nelson, brothers, were cited was charged with total tax evasions of \$43,918. The Hartwig Moss insurance agency, in which M. E. Moss was cited, was charged with owing \$12,324. Lesser amounts were allegedly owed by other defendants.

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Mr. Harbo	
Mr. J. [unclear]	✓
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ment was hot on the trail of alleged income tax evaders who were members of his ring, sending one of them to jail and indicting others. Now that Long is out of the way and his machine has come back into the fold the Department of Justice should have been more anxious than ever to press for a fair trial and a rigid prosecution—if for nothing else than to demonstrate to the country that politics has never had anything to do with the case and never will. That is presumably one consideration that actuates the Treasury in its decision to go ahead with the income tax cases, regardless of the Department of Justice. The Treasury is trying, and rightly so, to keep its skirts clear of the charge that it ever permits the Bureau of Internal Revenue to engage in "persecution" for political purposes. The fact that Seymour Weiss, former Long lieutenant and treasurer of his organization, was reported from Philadelphia now to be shouting his head off for Roosevelt makes the Treasury's course of action more praiseworthy than ever, just as it puts the Department of Justice in a shadier light than before.

"We have preserved and stimulated respect for law," said Senator Barkley in his keynote. Yes, with the help of the "G-men." But the Federal Bureau of Investigation is only one bureau of the Department of Justice, one small arm of the Federal Government.

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Long Aides, Free of Charges, Face \$250,000 Taxes, Penalties

Treasury to Order Assessment Paid Within 90 Days as Justice Unit Drops Criminal Counts.

BACKGROUND—

Climaxing feud between Roosevelt administration and Long political machine in Louisiana was vigorous inquiry by Treasury and Justice Departments into income tax evasions by Louisiana group, with subsequent indictment of about dozen of the Long followers.

Later, one member of group was convicted and sent to prison, but death of Senator Long brought period of inactivity in following up other cases. Recently, Justice Department dropped prosecution of remaining individuals and subsequently was criticized harshly by members of grand jury.

BY REX COLLIER.

Income taxes and penalties aggregating more than a quarter of a million dollars are to be assessed by the Treasury against followers of the late Senator Huey Long, despite cancellation of criminal charges against the group.

Seymour Weiss, treasurer of the so-called Long "machine," and 10 other close friends of the former Senator, will be given 90 days in which to pay up or to appeal to the Board of Tax Appeals.

Nolle prosequing of the remaining criminal charges against the group was approved by the Justice Department over protest of the Treasury. Recently nine members of the grand jury which indicted the Louisianans criticized United States Attorney Rene Viosca's action in dropping the tax charges and declared that, to be consistent, Attorney General Cummings should release from prison Joseph Fisher, only defendant convicted.

Customary Steps Being Taken.

With undisguised dissatisfaction over Justice Department sanction of the indictment cancellations, Internal Revenue and Treasury Department officials are proceeding with "customary" steps to enforce collection of large sums alleged to be due the Government from the Long followers.

Taxes and penalties involved in six of the more important indictments

that were dropped approximate more than \$195,000. This represents sums named in the alleged evasion counts of the criminal charges, alone.

It was said at the Treasury today that the criminal counts did not cover all alleged evasions, as only the stronger counts were included in the indictments. Thus the actual assessments will total thousands of dollars more than the amount cited in the papers issued by the grand jury.

The criminal case involving the largest sum was that of Jules Fisher, brother of Joseph. Taxes and penalties cited in the indictment against Jules amounted to \$63,679.

Weiss was named as an individual and as a partner in the Louisiana Quarry Co. In the individual indictment, he was charged with non-payment of \$37,420 in taxes and penalties. The quarry company was charged with evading payment of \$18,324.

A curious situation in the Louisiana Quarry Co. case was that C. N. Nichols, H. S. Schiff and R. S. Wilson, named with the firm in the same indictment, all entered pleas of nolo contendere, but Weiss, also named, pleaded not guilty. The firm was fined \$1,000, and the trio who pleaded, \$100 each.

The Mississippi Valley Co., in which case the Nelson brothers, John P. and W. W., were cited, was charged with evasions aggregating \$43,918.

The Hartwig-Moss Insurance Agency case, in which Mike Moss was involved, listed taxes and penalties of \$18,324 due the Treasury.

Lesser amounts were involved in the cases of Joseph C. Myers, R. L. Gay, Walter E. Cooke, Adolph F. Schumacher, John B. Maguire and Jack Pizzolato, all of whose cases were dismissed on recommendation of the United States attorney.

An indictment against Joseph Haspel, an anti-Long man, also was dismissed.

In suggesting to Federal Judge Borah at New Orleans that the charges be dropped, Viosca declared a careful study of the cases had convinced him convictions could not be obtained and that further prosecution would entail useless expense and time.

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SPURNED BY LONG

In challenge to any statements linking the Michigan order with the Long policies, Smith quoted his late chief's attitude on secret orders who are anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic or anti-Negro:

"I brand as un-American and a positive menace anything that looks like religious prejudice or racial antipathy."

"The organization of which I am the head," said Smith, "with 10,000,000 members will not tolerate the rise and return of any hooded order. There is no place for the Ku Klux Klan or any of its offshoots in America. It was Huey Long who threw the Klan out of Louisiana."

The investigation which checked the membership lists of the Black Legion against the list of civic employees came as the result of the statements made by the wife of Paul Every, who died a year ago as the result of a beating by the members of the Black Legion of Jackson, Mich.

"It was an anti-Catholic, non-partisan organization, but my husband had no robes or other regalia that I know of. He told me after the beating that they certainly 'laid it on.'"

FIND RITUAL

Ray Ernest, fellow prison guard of Every, had a .45-calibre revolver in his possession when he was taken into custody for questioning. Despite Ernest's denial of membership in the Black Legion, State troopers said they found the official Black Legion hooded robe, with the appliqued skull and cross-bones; a rifle, a heavy whip and much Legion literature in his home.

First degree murder warrants were ready Sunday, for presentation the following day in court against nine of the fifteen held in connection with Charles A. Poole's death. The remaining six will be charged with conspiracy.

Terrified citizens continued to call Prosecutor McCrea's office Sunday. These included William W. Voisine, Ecorse, Mich., town official. He charged the Black Legion with bombing his home on August 7, last, in order to frighten him out of office.

The source of the Legion's

funds, authorities learned, were collections taken up at secret meetings, in addition to the nominal 10 cents per month membership dues.

Another citizen of Detroit who balked at becoming a member when he learned the conditions, told a graphic story of his "initiation" to the officials.

First, the man said, he was given a blank to sign and told that it looked like an insurance application in order that investigators might not be made suspicious.

The initiation hall was at Fullerton and Livernois Aves., the informant said. About 50 men were in the place and they all appeared to be well-dressed, substantial citizens. One, he suspects, was a judge.

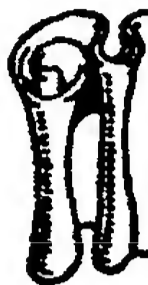
"If you were asked to burn a building or wreck a car by this organization, would you do it?" was the first question the man was asked.

When asked, "If any member of your family, father, mother, sister, brother or wife were ordered punished by this organization, would you do it?" the neophyte answered flatly, "No."

"They got mad," said the neophyte, "when they asked me if I would do anything they ordered even if it meant death, and I told them I wouldn't."

"Then they asked me if I would vote for any man the organization told me to vote for and I said that I have always voted as I chose and will continue to do so. Then they ordered me and my sponsor out. But before that they warned me: 'You have learned things about our organization that you shouldn't know. If you tell anyone, even your wife, we will kill you.'"

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The Biggest Racket

IF THE G-men are looking for new worlds to conquer after mopping up on a long list of public enemies we commend to their attention certain details of the Treasury Department's negotiations in New Orleans.

When Huey Long was alive and flourishing the administration breathed fire and brimstone every time Huey's name was mentioned. A large platoon of Huey's lieutenants was haled into court over alleged evasions of the income tax. One of its members was convicted and sentenced to 18 months in jail. When Huey passed out of the political picture a large consignment of other cases were pending.

But the New Orleans political scene changed rapidly after the Kingfish died. His political heirs patched up a peace with the administration. After flirting with Coughlin, Townsend, Talmadge and other economic fad peddlers the Long crowd finally decided to be good boys and come back into the Democratic fold.

The moment that this happened the administration's attitude toward the income tax evasions changed completely. Government officers found that evidence which a few weeks before was so strong that they were sure it would fill Louisiana jails with Long's lieutenants was too weak to be used. The steam went out of the prosecution completely. Now, it appears, there isn't any case against the administration's new friends.

Meanwhile nine of the members of the grand jury which voted the original indictments have complained formally to Attorney General Cummings, it is reported, insisting that the evidence is just as strong now as it was when these defendants were political enemies of the Farley machine.

This is not the only instance where threats of prosecution under income tax laws have been used for political purposes. The same thing happened on an even larger scale during the early days of the administration when it set out to make an example of Mr. Mellon, the Hoover Secretary of the Treasury.

Loyal Democrats denied these charges. But the Louisiana record shouts the same accusation. It indicates plainly that the Farley machine deliberately traded release from the prosecutions in exchange for the political support which Huey Long's trained vote collectors are now delivering so faithfully.

The administration can refute these new charges in one and only one way, by resuming the prosecutions and pushing them through. If it does not do this it will make a double confession, first that it really was persecuting Huey Long for political purposes and second, that it is now calling off the prosecution for the same reason.

Long's lieutenants either did or did not evade the income tax. In either case the administration tacitly admits operating a huge racket in refusing to continue the prosecution.

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SAYS FARLEY 'PURCHASED' LOUISIANA

Rep. Burdick Charges
Long "Machine"
Has Sold Out

International News Service

In a caustic attack in the Congressional Record, Representative Usher Burdick (R.) of North Dakota today charged that Postmaster-General Farley has engineered a "second Louisiana purchase," which resulted in dismissal of criminal indictments of lieutenants of the late Huey Long, in return for promised delivery of the State to the Democrats in next November's election.

Burdick claimed he knew of the "deal" last January, but withheld the knowledge because "I was pretty sure no one would believe it."

Charges Surrender

Referring to the recent action of the United States district attorney in New Orleans in declining to prosecute Seymour Weiss, Long ally, and others, for income-tax evasion, Burdick continued:

"Since January, however, my statement has been proved in full and I now offer it to show that the followers of Huey Long ignominiously surrendered to the present Administration, and James Farley is in full command of the situation in Louisiana."

Other phases of the "purchase," Burdick observed, included return of "certain patronage heretofore withheld from the Long machine", and withdrawal by Long Congressmen of their names from the petition designed to secure a House vote on the Administration-opposed Frazier-Lemke farm-mortgage moratorium bill.

Governor Accused
The "purchase", according to the North Dakotan, was arranged in a New York hotel between Farley and Richard W. Leche, governor of Louisiana. The following proof that both parties fulfilled the "terms of the purchase" was submitted by Burdick:

"1. The Long Congressmen removed their names from the Frazier-Lemke petition and voted against the bill when it came up.

"2. The United States attorney has moved to dismiss the Long indictments.

3. Withheld patronage has been returned; fight over relief has been settled, and Administration affairs have been adjusted favorably to Governor Leche.

NOW FOR ROOSEVELT

"4. The Long machine is now for President Roosevelt, and the President has Louisiana in his pocket.

"Huey Long would have paid no attention to those indictments because he and everyone else knew they were nothing but political indictments. It is admitted now by the Government, for the Government now says it has not sufficient evidence upon which to secure a conviction.

"It does not seem possible that the Department of Justice could be put on the auction block by James Farley or anyone else, yet the fact is that precisely that has been done."

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Farley Denies Louisiana

'Tax Talk'

Rep. Burdick Claims Dismissal of Cases Brought Agreement

Statement Placed in Congressional Record Blames Leche; Exonerates Mrs. Huey Long

PHILADELPHIA — Postmaster General Farley told questioners today he had never talked to Gov. Richard Leche of Louisiana about dropping income tax indictments against former aides of the late Huey P. Long, as charged in Washington by Rep. Burdick (R., N. D.).

Burdick bid for the share-the-wealth support for the newly formed Union Party today with a sensational charge that Farley made a secret deal with the heirs of the Long group for New Deal control of Louisiana.

Burdick, in a long statement inserted in the Congressional Record, said he had carried the facts in his pocket since last January but did not try to publish them because he feared the public would not believe him.

Burdick's ideas, especially on farm and labor problems, closely parallel those of his boyhood friend, Rep. William Lemke (R., N. D.), who yesterday announced his candidacy for President on the Union Party ticket, supported by Father Coughlin.

BLAMES GOV. LECHE

The midwesterner characterized the alleged deal a "second Louisiana Purchase" and demanded that share-the-wealthers continue the fight begun by "their dead leader" against being "sold" for the "progressive cause of the nation."

Burdick declared that shortly after the election of Gov. William W. Leche, of Louisiana, last January, Leche and Administration forces conferred in New York City and reached an agreement to settle political differences.

He said the Long forces agreed to

have Long congressmen withdraw their names from the Frazier-Lemke petition and to vote against the inflation-farm mortgage bill when it came up. The Long machine also was to deliver Louisiana for President Roosevelt, he asserted.

Burdick said the New Deal, in return, agreed to dismiss indictments against Seymour Weiss and other Long leaders for income tax evasion altho "it was agreed that civil suits might be continued to recover any taxes lost to the Government."

"Certain patronage heretofore withheld from the Long machine was to be restored, especially that pertaining to New Orleans," Burdick said.

The North Dakotan added that the Long congressmen and Mrs. Long, the Senator's widow who succeeded him, knew nothing of the agreement.

OPPOSED LEMKE BILL

Burdick said, in support of his charges, that:

1. Long congressmen were notified about Jan. 20 to remove their names from the Frazier-Lemke petition and to vote against the bill when it came up. This, he said, was done.

2. The Long machine "is now for Roosevelt and the President has Louisiana in his pocket."

3. No one has been criminally prosecuted on any of the indictments pending since the January meeting and "at this date the Federal attorney has moved to dismiss them on the grounds there is not sufficient evidence."

4. The Administration "has adjusted its affairs in Louisiana favorably to Gov. Leche and withheld patronage is being returned" and the fight over relief has been settled.

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"SALE" IS CHARGED IN FARLEY DEAL

**Burdick Declares Long
Forces Were Manipulated
to Restore Patronage.**

By the Associated Press.

Representative Burdick, Republican, of North Dakota charged in a statement in the Congressional Record today that Postmaster General Farley and Gov.-elect Richard W. Leche of Louisiana entered into a "sale" whereby differences between the national and State administrations were settled.

Burdick said agreement between the two was reached at New York shortly after Leche's election on a ticket supported by followers of the late Senator Huey P. Long.

Patronage Deal Charged.

The national administration's part of the program, he said, was to withdraw tax evasion indictments against Seymour Weiss of New Orleans and other Long leaders, and to agree that certain patronage would be restored to the Long forces.

In return, he said, the Long forces were to see that "Long Congressmen" withdrew their names from a petition calling for House action on the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage bill and deliver Louisiana for President Roosevelt.

Amazed at Action.

"It does not seem possible," Burdick said, "that the Department of Justice of the Federal Government in Louisiana could be put on the auction block by James Farley or any one else, yet the fact is that precisely that has been done. * * *

"Huey Long would turn over in his grave if he knew his faithless followers had delivered his well-working political machine to the arch-enemy, James Farley."

Burdick said that Senator Rose Long, who succeeded her husband, and the Long Congressmen did not know "anything about the deal, where it was made, who made it, or what the terms were."

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Cummings Hits Critics of Long Case Dismissal

Finds No 'Just' Basis for Louisiana Jurors' Protest About Income Tax Action

Backs District Attorney

Thinks 'Routine' Matter Is Surrounded by Hullabaloo

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Attorney General Homer S. Cummings today found "no just grounds" for criticism directed at the Department of Justice by nine members of a New Orleans grand jury who have protested the government's dismissal of income tax prosecutions against associates of the late Senator Huey P. Long.

In giving definite indication that the cases would not be reopened and that the department was standing squarely on the judgment of Rene Viosca, United States District Attorney in New Orleans, the Attorney General expressed the opinion that the matter was purely "routine" and has been "surrounded by synthetic hullabaloo."

The prosecutions were initiated against a group of Long adherents about two years ago when Senator Long was assailing the Roosevelt administration. On the basis of evidence gathered by Federal agents, indictments charging fraud in falsifying income tax returns were re-

turned. One of the defendants, Joseph Fisher, a state legislator, was tried, found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months in prison.

Then Senator Long was assassinated and the political picture in Louisiana began to change. Meanwhile, a second defendant, Abe Shushan, a Long lieutenant and president of the New Orleans Levee Board, was tried and found "not guilty." Then came a lull in the prosecutions and talk of rapprochement between the members of the former Long organization and James A. Parley, Postmaster General and chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Recently other indictments, including those against Seymour Weiss, treasurer of Senator Long's political organization, and State Senator Jules G. Fisher were quashed. The District Attorney's statement that the evidence was "too weak" brought the

protest of nine of the grand jurors returning the indictments and it also prompted a letter to the Attorney General and Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, from Mrs. Hilda Phelps Hammond, head of a Louisiana organization of citizens which protested the election of Senator John H. Overton. The Treasury Department has consistently held that the matter was up to the Department of Justice, but as yet Mrs. Hammond has had no answer to her letter.

In his formal statement disposing of the matter today Attorney General Cummings said:

"The Louisiana income tax cases resulted in a number of indictments. The government, selecting its strongest case, went to trial in the matter of Joseph Fisher, which resulted in a conviction. Following that, the government moved the trial of its second strongest case, to wit, that against A. L. Shushan, which resulted in acquittal. A number of other cases were disposed of upon pleas of guilty which resulted in collection of upwards of \$116,000 in taxes, penalties and fines.

"There still remained undisposed of a number of cases concerning which, in view of the government's experience in the previous cases, the question arose whether the available evidence might reasonably be expected to result in conviction. It was concluded to leave the decision entirely to the judgment and discretion of United States Attorney Viosca who, upon review of the matter, concluded that convictions could not be obtained and that the only proper course to pursue was to dismiss the cases. His motion to dismiss was granted by Judge Borah.

"The Department of Justice has full confidence in Mr. Viosca, upon whom the burden of these prosecutions would rest, and feels that there is no just ground for criticizing his action. Manifestly, the disposition of the cases referred to has no bearing on the Fisher case and the sentence imposed therein."

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HULLABALOO IS SYNTHETIC, SAYS CUMMINGS ON KILLING CASES AGAINST LONG AIDS

Attorney General Regards as Routine Matter Dropping of Tax Prosecutions After Pledge of Allegiance by Louisiana Leader's Successors.

By THOMAS L. STOKES,

World-Telegram Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Attorney General Cummings considers all the "hullabaloo," as he calls it, about the dismissal of income tax cases against Huey Long henchmen in Louisiana as "synthetic," and is not disposed to be much concerned.

He regards as rather routine matter this act which has started suspicious whispers around Washington, particularly since it came promptly after a pledge of allegiance by the Long leaders who still rule Louisiana.

The Louisiana cases "are as dead as Julius Caesar," said the Attorney General as he answered reporters' questions.

He has received the protest of nine grand jurors who felt themselves "outraged" by the dropping of the cases on May 29, and he may answer it in due time. Pointing out that the government had won its first case and lost the second, Mr. Cummings said "the question arose whether the available evidence might reasonably be expected to result in convictions."

Up to U. S. Attorney.

"It was concluded," he continued, "to leave the decision entirely to the judgment and discretion of United States Attorney Viosca who, upon review of the matter, concluded that convictions could not be obtained and that the only proper course was to dismiss the cases. His motion to dismiss was granted by Judge Borah."

"The Department of Justice has full confidence in Mr. Viosca, upon whom the burden of these prosecutions would rest, and feels that there is no just ground for criticizing his action."

Thus he explained away the dismissal of eleven separate cases involving thirteen persons, including Seymour Weiss, right hand lieutenant of the late Huey Long and collector of campaign contributions, who is a power in the new regime dominated by the Long group.

Rene Viosca, to whom the buck thus is passed, is interim U. S. Attorney, holding office by the grace of Mr. Cummings, James A. Farley and President Roosevelt.

Was Opposed by Long.

Mr. Viosca was appointed by the President three years ago. His confirmation was opposed by Senator Long, who rounded up so many votes that the nomination was withdrawn in the face of certain defeat. Mr. Viosca then was delegated as U. S. Attorney by Federal Judge Wayne G. Borah, nephew of Senator Borah, which is the legal procedure.

It is assumed that the U. S. Attorney may be formally nominated eventually, but the Attorney General said he had not discussed the appointment nor recommended it to

the President. Congress recesses in a few days, and a recess appointment could be made.

Mr. Viosca would presumably have the support of the Long regime in Louisiana.

Seymour Weiss, it developed today was in Washington the day before it was announced that the cases had been dismissed. The Attorney General said he did not see him and did not discuss the case with "a soul" from Louisiana. Mr. Farley says that he did not see Mr. Weiss.

Whom did Mr. Weiss see?

That's one of the mysteries in the case.

There are some others.

Atmosphere Changed.

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HULLABALOO OVER TAX CASES IS 'SYNTHETIC,' CUMMINGS DECLARES

Attorney General Refuses to Get Excited Over Dropping
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Julius Caesar,' He Says

By THOMAS L. STOKES
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, June 18—Attorney General Cummings considers all the "Hullabaloo," as he calls it, about the dismissal of income-tax cases against Huey P. Long henchmen in Louisiana as "synthetic," and is not disposed to be much concerned.

He regards as rather a routine matter this act which has started suspicious whispers around Washington, particularly since it came promptly after a pledge of allegiance by the Long leaders who still rule Louisiana.



The Louisiana cases "are as dead as Julius Caesar," said the Attorney General as he answered reporters' questions with that imperturbable calm that is never publicly ruffled.

He has received the protest of nine grand jurors who felt themselves "outraged" by the dropping of the cases on May 29, and he may answer it in due time. Pointing out that the Government had won its first case and lost the second, Mr. Cummings said "the question arose whether the available evidence might reasonably be expected to result in convictions."

Buck Passed to Prosecutor

"It was concluded," he continued, "to leave the decision entirely to the judgment and discretion of United States Attorney Viosca who, upon review of the matter, concluded that convictions could not be obtained and that the only proper course was to dismiss the cases."

"The Department of Justice has full confidence in Mr. Viosca, upon whom the burden of these prosecutions would rest, and feels that there is no just ground for criticizing his action."

Thus he explained away the dismissal of 11 separate cases involving 13 persons, including Seymour Weiss, right-hand lieutenant of the late Huey Long and collector of campaign contributions, who is a power in the new regime dominated by the Long group.

Rene Viosca, to whom the buck thus is passed, is interim U. S. Attorney, holding office by the grace of Mr. Cummings and Jim Farley and President Roosevelt. He wants to continue in his post and would like a permanent nomination.

Mr. Viosca was appointed by the President three years ago. His confirmation was opposed by Senator Long, who rounded up so many votes that the nomination was withdrawn in the face of certain defeat. Mr. Viosca then was delegated U. S. Attorney by Federal Judge Wayne C. Borah, nephew of Senator Borah.

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Weiss Visited Capital

It is assumed the U. S. attorney may be formally nominated eventually but the Attorney General said he had not discussed the appointment nor recommended it to the President.

Mr. Viosca would presumably have the support of the Long regime in Louisiana.

Seymour Weiss, it developed today, was in Washington the day before it was announced that the case had been dismissed. The Attorney General said he did not see him and did not discuss the case with "a soul" from Louisiana. Mr. Farley says that he did not see Mr. Weiss.

Whom did Mr. Weiss see?

That's one of the mysteries of the case.

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New Orleans Grand Jurors Ask Why He Abandoned Its Prosecution.

HINT AT POLITICAL PULL

Letter Signed by Nine Members of Indicting Group Is Sent to Attorney-General.

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"The newspapers seem to say that you, Mr. Attorney-General, have given a free hand in these matters to the local United States Attorney [Rene A. Viosca], and we realize that you must, in the magnitude of your duties, rely in large measure upon others. But it is significant that these same press reports uniformly give emphasis to the statement that the department of the Secretary of the Treasury strongly disapproves."

What Viosca Alleged.

District Attorney Viosca, when criminal prosecutions were dropped in the remaining cases, said they were too "weak" to bring to trial and added that there was a "changed atmosphere" in New Orleans since the conviction of Fisher. The jurors said a "changed atmosphere" could not mean "a change in the wish of the law-abiding people of New Orleans to see that crime is punished."

"If that statement as to the 'changed atmosphere' were limited to official circles, we would readily agree," they said.

The letter was signed by nine of the twenty-three Grand Jurors who considered the tax cases for nine months, beginning in May, 1934.

Among those who escaped criminal trial were Seymour Weiss, hotel executive, and former treasurer of Long's political organization; State Senator Jules G. Fisher of Jefferson parish and the Nelson brothers, Harry, John P. and W. W. Nelson, who sold materials to the State during Long's gigantic highway paving program.

Although the Government dropped criminal prosecutions in their cases, it was announced that an attempt would be made to collect the amount of income taxes allegedly due.

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'Synthetic Hullabaloo'

Atty. Gen. Cummings contended today there is "no just ground" for the criticism levelled at the Justice Department by nine New Orleans grand jurors in connection with the dropping of income tax prosecution against associates of the late Sen. Huey P. Long. Cummings said decision to drop the cases was entirely in the judgment and discretion of Rene Viosca, U. S. attorney at New Orleans. He characterized the cases as "purely routine" and surrounded by synthetic hullabaloo.

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New Orleans Jury Scores U. S. Action In 'Long' Tax Cases

Cummings Refuses to Comment on Letter Still in Mails

NEW ORLEANS, June 16 (I.N.S.).—Action of Attorney General Homer Cummings in dropping income tax cases here against Seymour Weiss and others, was bitterly scored in a letter to the Attorney General by nine members of the Grand Jury that returned the indictments. Weiss was a power in the political machine built up by the late Senator Huey P. Long. The latter charged a "gross discrimination" had been meted out to former Legislator Joe Fisher, the only person sentenced to prison in the series of tax cases here. His immediate release was asked.

Cummings Refuses Comment on 'Letter'

Declaring the reported letter from nine members of the grand jury which indicted friends of the late Senator Huey Long on income tax fraud charges had not reached him, Attorney General Cummings declined last night to comment on press dispatches.

New Orleans dispatches said the jurors assailed the Attorney General for acquiescing in the recommendation of Rene A. Viosca, Federal prosecutor there, that the indictments against those not yet tried be dropped.

Though a number of Long's friends were indicted, only two—Joseph Fisher and Abe Shushan—were tried. Fisher was convicted and Shushan acquitted.

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Why?

Members of the Federal grand jury in New Orleans who indicted several persons in connection with income tax frauds are within their rights as good citizens in demanding to know why the Department of Justice has consented to prosecution and subsequent imprisonment of one such person while agreeing to the abandonment of prosecution in other cases. The question assumes greater significance when it has been reported, and not denied, that the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which "made" the cases, strongly disagrees with the Department of Justice over the propriety of abandoning prosecution.

The Attorney General is represented

as having explained that the United States attorney in New Orleans recommended dropping the prosecution, as the cases were "weak" and the "atmosphere" in New Orleans has changed. The former grand jurors demand to know how a case that was strong enough to bring an indictment may now be so "weak" that its prosecution is to be abandoned.

How has the "atmosphere" changed? The death of Huey Long has doubtless changed it. But that, of course, should have nothing to do with the Attorney General's decision.

The grand jurors' demands for a thorough explanation should not go unanswered. The Attorney General would be wise to engage the services of the best man available as special prosecutor and see the New Orleans income cases through. No change of "atmosphere" warrants a change of attitude by the Department of Justice in prosecution of persons formally charged with violation of law.

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Jurors Criticize U. S. Dropping Of Fraud Cases

Letter Sent to Cummings Charges Discrimination in Favor of Long's Friends.

By the Associated Press.

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Ghosts of Huey Long Arise in Income Tax Cases

New Orleans Jurors Angry for Dropping of Levy Indictments

Send Letter to Cummings in
Protest; Connection Sought
With Recent Pledge to F. D.

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By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance
Ghosts of the Huey Long regime
in Louisiana rose today to pester the
Roosevelt Administration.

They were revived by a letter to
Attorney General Cummings from
nine members of the grand jury at
New Orleans which investigated al-
leged income tax violations by Huey
Long henchmen.

The grand jurors want to know
why these cases were dropped re-
cently. They can't understand why
the evidence which they found suf-
ficient for indictments should now
be disregarded and the cases erased
from the books. They feel "aggrieved
and outraged."

POLITICAL LINK?

Politically minded Washington
sought to connect the dropping of
prosecutions with the recent pledge
by leaders of the still dominant Long
machine to support the Roosevelt
Administration. The spoils of pa-
tronage, withheld from Huey Long
because of his war on the Adminis-
tration, have begun to flow again to
Louisiana.

No one in the New Deal, naturally,
would admit to such a circumstantial
story. Only silence greeted the let-
ters from the nine jurors. The At-
torney General said only that the
letter had not yet reached him.

Nothing came from Secretary of
the Treasury Morgenthau, whose in-
vestigators in the Internal Revenue
Bureau spent months in and around
New Orleans digging up the evidence
upon which the grand jury voted its
indictments. Morgenthau and his
men are known to be indignant
about abandonment of the cases, but
they hesitate to get into an internal
Administration row.

Postmaster General Farley, who
conferred recently with Gov. Richard
Leche of Louisiana, a former Long
lieutenant, said today that he knew
nothing about the dropping of the
indictments.

The indictments attracted national
interest when they burst in the midst
of Huey Long's warfare against the
Administration. Officials explained
at the time that the investigation
had started in the Hoover Adminis-
tration, but that no action ever
had been taken.

Ex-Gov. Dan Moody of Texas, as
special prosecutor for the Govern-
ment, won a verdict of guilty against
Joseph Fisher. Fisher, one of the
Long leaders in Jefferson Parish, ad-
joining New Orleans, is in Atlanta
penitentiary. His term expires July
9.

He is the only one who went to
jail.

Amos W. W. Woodcock, former
prohibition commissioner, didn't have
such success in the case he con-
ducted against Abe Shushan, big dry-
goods merchant and president of the
Levee Board, who was acquitted of
alleged income tax violation involv-
ing \$377,477 of income on which the

Government said he had paid no
tax, but which he contended was
largely political funds which merely
passed thru his hands.

There were numerous pleas of
guilty and compromises in several
other cases which, the Justice De-
partment said today, netted the Gov-
ernment \$116,880 in taxes and pen-
alties.

One of the abandoned cases in-
volved Seymour Weiss, owner of the
hotel where Senator Long had his
headquarters and right-hand lieuten-
ant of the late dictator.

Cases also were dropped involving
Jules G. Fisher, state senator and
brother of Joseph Fisher, and the
Nelson brothers, Harry B., John P.
and W. W. The Nelson brothers
were organizers and sole owners of
the Mississippi Valley Co., a concern
formed just before Huey Long's big
road-building program was started,
and capitalized at only \$40,000, but
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which specified that only its prod-
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